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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

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☒ the claims:

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pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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☒ the drawings:

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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The object of the invention is to provide a system for real time navigation through a three dimensional medical image model, which enables controlling the entire navigation process with a single tool and, thus, is more user-friendly than existing systems.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO, 99/023586, A2

D2: An Integrated Visualization System for Surgical Planning and Guidance using Image Fusion and Interventional Imaging

D3: EP, 0595746, A1

D4: Virtual Reality-Based Simulation of Endoscopic Surgery

D5: Planning and Rehearsal of Surgical Interventions in the Volume Model

D6: US, 6115028, A

Document D1 (see column 2, line 14- column 6, line 32) discloses a method and device for navigating a three dimensional image, for example a medical image, using a pointing device.

Document D2 (see chapter 2) discloses software for three-dimensional visualization for surgical planning.

Document D3 (see column 2, line 44- column 3, line 5) discloses a method for navigating in three-dimensional space displayed on a two-dimensional screen, the graphic representation on the screen is varied within the screen in response to variations in pressure.

Document D4 (see chapter 8) discloses a virtual reality-based surgical simulator with a virtual instrument controlled by the user.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: BOX V

Document D5 (see paragraph 2.2) discloses a presentation of the Volume model and how to navigate it.

Document D6 (see e.g. column 2, lines 26-30 and figures 4a and 4b) discloses a three dimensional input system comprising an input device which may be tilted in a plane for inputting third and fourth coordinates.

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. page 2, line 29-page 10, line 2) a method and device for navigating through a three dimensional image from which the subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 18 differs in that a location based on detected movement of the pointing device is adjusted in relation to a work surface for selecting a navigation point, in that the displayed orientation view is rotated as the orientation view is adjusted, in that the navigation point is locked and in that the viewing direction is adjusted to an inside view of the medical image model.

The problem with prior art solution is that they are not sufficiently user-friendly. The special technical feature of independent claims 1 and 18 has the technical effect that they enable controlling of navigation using one single tool.

The cited prior art does neither disclose nor give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the solution according to the independent claims 1 and 18. Therefore, the claimed invention is novel and inventive.

Claims 2-17 and 19-33 are dependent on claim 1 and 18, respectively, and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Thus, the subject matter of claims 1-33 is, novel (N) (Article 33(2) PCT), involves an inventive step (IS) (Article 33(3) PCT) and is industrially applicable (IA) (Article 33(4) PCT).